

REMARKS

The title has been amended to delete the words "Methods and".

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 20, 2002, for the above-referenced application, Applicant hereby elects Group I as specified by the Examiner (claims 1-25, drawn to a thermal treatment system, classified in class 607, subclass 27). Non-elected claims 26-38 have been cancelled.

Examination of the application is requested. Any questions regarding the above election should be brought to undersigned's attention.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the change made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made"**.

Respectfully submitted,  
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